

ABSTRACT

A user interface for assisting the user in performing a task and shielding the user from complex data. The user interface includes a window on a computer screen comprising: a first pane for displaying instructions to a user regarding the task; a second pane for displaying a content form and receiving the user's input into the content form, wherein the content form displays only a subset of the available data objects relating to the task; and a third pane for displaying actions related to the task. A method for providing a user interface for performing a task is provided. The method provides a user interface including a window having: a first pane for displaying instructions to a user regarding the task; a second pane for displaying a content form and receiving the user's input into the content form; and a third pane for displaying activities related to the task.